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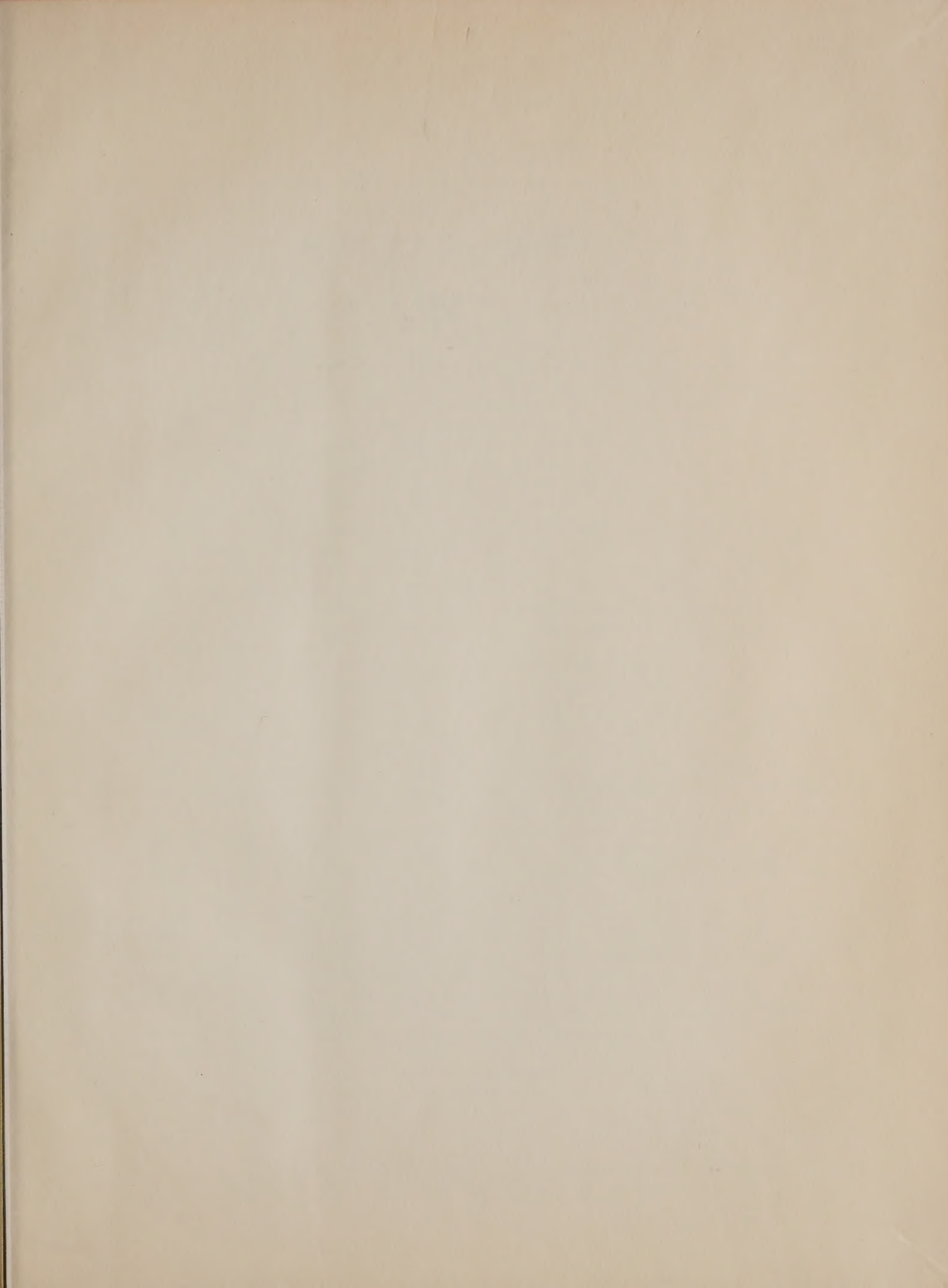
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February the 6th 1865 I shall commence this day to keep an account of things in general this being Monday, February the 6th, 1865. The weather was fine today until some little snow. I left Morning Sun this morning for Dayton in company with David Ramsey, B. F. Graham and several other boys. We left College Corner at 3 o'clock this evening. Arrived at Hamilton in due time. Left Hamilton at 6:15 for Dayton and arrived there in due time. We all put up at the Philips House and was there all night and had a fine time.

Tuesday the 7th 1865 Weather disagreeable today. Snowed most of the day. Were at the Philips House for breakfast and were mustered and sworn into the service of the United States. Went to the Canal House for dinner and was there all night. Joe Ramsey Stewart and I went on an excursion and got in in due time. We had a fine time at Phebe Martins in Oregon, Wayne Street.

Wednesday the 8th Weather more pleasant today. We left Dayton for Camp Chase. Arrived here about noon. Went into quarters No. 26.

Thursday, the 9th, 1865 Weather continues moderate. Today we are still in bunks but the report is we are going to be moved to some other quarters. I think if they get us out this evening they will be sharp. I wrote a letter to Will Wright. I am about tired this evening running mud(?). Dave Ramsey is sick. He had got the flu. I went after the surgeon for him and got some medicine for him. I think he will be better in a short time.

Friday the 10th Weather cloudy and warm and is getting muddy. Dave Ramsey is able to be about today. I wrote a letter to Joe Ramsey today. Took Dave up to the surgeon this morning and got some medicine for myself not being in very good fix.

Saturday the 11th Weather cloudy and pleasant. Nothing of importance going on today. I wrote a letter jome today to sister Evaline.

Sunday the 12 Weather pleasant and cool but thawed some little. We moved from Barracks No. 26 to No. 14 this morning. It was against our will but we had to go. It hailed some little last night. I had my pocket book stolen last night containing about 13 dollars and also my nife worth about \$1.00. I wrote two letters today, one to John Wilson and one ot Lank McMillan. I borrowed five dollars from B. F. Graham on account of having mine stolen last night. This is Sunday but it don't appear like it in this place.

Monday the 13 The weather was quite pleasant but cold at nights. We did not sleep any of any account last night. It was too cold. I wrote one letter to Molly Wilson and a Valentine to Lank McMillan.

Tuesday the 14th Weather moderate today. We are still laying around doing nothing. Graham sent two valentines yesterday. One to W. Kempel and one to Call Brown. There was 500 Rebs taken away from here on Sunday last. We moved from one side of our Barracks to the other.

Wednesday, the 15th, 1865 Weather disagreeable today. It rained most all day. We were called out today. Every Regiment to see how many men there was. We went from the 186. We then went into Barracks No. 13. I wrote a letter to Lizzie McWhinney.

Thursday, the 16 This was a disagreeable day. It snowed most of the time. There was 500 Rebs taken way from here today. Nothing going on in camp. I got a letter from J. O. Ramsey.

Friday the 17 Weather clear and quite muddy. We are not doing anything yet. Times are dull in camp.

Saturday the 18 Weather moddrate today. Nothing of interest going on in camp at this time. I wrote a letter to Ham Douglass. Dave got two letters today.

- Sunday the 19 This was quite pleasant day. I was working in the cook house today. It was very muddy today.
- Monday, the 20 1865 Weather quite pleasant but muddy today. I was helping in the cook house some of the day. A lot of Parilier men came into camp today.
- Tuesday the 21 Weather pleasant but muddy. Times brisk in camp though nothing new going on.
- Wednesday the 22 Weather disagreeable today. Rained part of the day. The 18th Regiment left today.
- Thursday the 23 Weather cloudy today. I received a letter from J. Wilson and answered it today. Sent a letter to Nell Cook yesterday.
- Friday the 24 Weather continues cloudy and very muddy. There's nothing much going on. I received a letter from Lank McMillan today
- Saturday the 25 It rained most of today and is awful muddy.
- Sunday the 26 Weather cloudy and cool. Wrote a letter to J. Ramsey. Stewart arrived in Camp today.
- Monday the 27 Weather continues cloudy. I have nothing much to write as I am not very well today.
- Tuesday the 28 Weather cloudy. James McDill came to Camp today. I got three letters, one from Father, one from Emma Ryner and one from Anna Foster. Bob Niccum left Camp this evening.
- Wednesday March the 1, 1865 Clear and pleasant but muddy. J. McDill left camp for home today. I received a letter from Beck yesterday and also one from Wm. Wright.
- Thursday the 2 Cloudy and rain today. Men scarce in camp. The 186 left for Nashville this evening.
- Friday the 3 Weather continues cloudy and raining. Changed Barracks. We are now in No. 12.
- Saturday the 4 Cloudy with some snow this morning. I am still sick and have been since Monday last. Had cold and sore throat.
- Sunday the 5 Weather more pleasant but very muddy. Nothing of importance going on.
- Monday the 6 Weather clear. I am getting somewhat better. I have not been able to keep this up and have not wrote any for a week so I borrowed Ramsey's Diary to copy of and have not kept things in good trim but hope I shall get along better hereafter.
- Tuesday the 7 Weather pleasant part of the day and it commenced raining in the Evening. It is still very muddy here
- Wednesday the 8 This was a very disagreeable day. It rained most of the day. We organized our Company yesterday for the 191st Regt. Ohio Infantry and went into Barracks 28. The Company is Commanded by Capt. Irving. The 189th Regt. left Camp Chase yesterday for Nashville. I am still getting better. Harve and Frank Graham are both sick today.
- Thursday the 9 1865 Weather very disagreeable today. It rained and snowed most all day and is quite cold this evening. Times is quite brisk in Camp on account of having marching Orders.
- Friday the 10, 1865 Weather more pleasant but quite cold today. We nearly froze last night. Times are brisk in Camp this morning. We are going to leave Camp today. I was appointed Second Sargent of our Company D, 191 Regt. I am getting much better than I have been. We left Camp this evening about 4 o'clock. I rode to Columbus in a wagon on account of not being well. Left Columbus at 6 o'clock on our way for Winchester, Virginia. I rode in a Passenger Car among the sick men. We arrived at Zaynesville about mid-night.
- Saturday the 11 Weather quite cold today. We left Zaynesville this morn and arrived at Bellan's about 6 o'clock at night. We lay in the cars all night. The most of the boys lay out side along the train.
- Sunday the 12 Weather cloudy but pleasant. We crossed over the river to Benwood this morning and are now laying in the cars waiting for further orders.

We have just taken our dinners and I feel somewhat better. Left Benwood this evening and are now moving along fine.

Monday the 13 Weather pleasant. We arrived at Grafton this morning and arrived at Cumberland late in the evening.

Tuesday the 14, 1865 Weather continues pleasant. We left Cumberland immediately after frying a chicken and making some coffee and arrived at Martinsburg about daylight. We then arrived at our destination which was Harpers Ferry about 9 o'clock. Went into Camp about 3 miles from town. Cooked a goose and Turkey which the boys captured and then set down to write an account of things in general. _____ and I skinned the goose last night

Wednesday the 15 Weather disagreeable today. It rained part of the day. We drew our tents and put them up today. I wrote a letter to Bill Wright yesterday and sent it today. I am acting Orderly on account of our Orderly being sick.

Thursday the 16 Weather changeable today. It rained some little and has been very windy most of the time. Nothing much of importance going on in Camp except fixing up our quarters. I wrote a letter home today to Nathan.

Friday the 17 Weather quite pleasant today. Nothing much of importance going on today. We were out on squad drill today and had quite a _____ time.

Saturday the 18 Weather continues pleasant. No drilling going on in Camp today. We sent some of the boys to the Hospital at Harpers Ferry today. James Marshall, John Austin and William H. Sprowl.

Sunday the 19 This was a pleasant day. It is sunny but I can't see any Sunday in this place. Lieut Stinson (?) has been sick. He just came to our quarters

Monday the 20 Weather quite warm and pleasant. I was not very well today. I wrote a letter to Annie E. Foster. I am relieved of my Command as Orderly today. Our Orderly is again able to take his place.

Tuesday the 21 Weather cool and chilly. Rained part of the time. We sent one of our men to the hospital.

Wednesday the 22 Weather cloudy and cool. Rained most all last night. One of our Company died last night and was buried today. I am writing at night. Wind high and cold.

Thursday the 23 Weather's stormy and wet. Rained part of the day. I wrote a letter to Beck Mann. Nothing of importance going on in Camp. Thundered some little today. Had squad drill this morning and Company drill in the evening.

Friday the 24, 1865 Weather continues cloudy and stormy. It snowed and rained last night and is quite cold today. We drew some clothing and shoes this evening. The boys are all in a bad humor about having to take such large shoes. I drew a pair of pants and a pair of shoes. No. 9. I can jump into them without much trouble.

Saturday the 25 Weather more pleasant but quite cold. I was out on Picket today. I was stationed at the ford on the Shanandoah River. I was Sargent of the guard. I am not very well today.

Sunday the 26 Weather quite cold. I came in off Picket about noon today. Our Regt. moved their quarters today in line with the Brigade. I sent a letter to Call Wilson yesterday.

Monday the 27 Weather pleasant. Nothing going on in Camp of any importance today. We are in our new quarters and getting along fine.

Tuesday the 28, 1865 This was a pleasant day. I am not on Duty today on account of not being well. I wrote a letter to Eliza Jeffers today. The guards and Camp were alarmed on account of nothing and doubled the lines.

Wednesday the 29 Weather quite pleasant. I am still off duty yet. Nothing going on in Camp of any importance. I wrote a letter to John Hockensmith today.

Thursday the 30 Weather disagreeable today. Rained most all day. Nothing going on in camp. We received marching orders to leave camp in the morning. I wrote a letter home this evening.

Friday the 31, 1865 Weather continues disagreeable. It rained hard last night and thundered some and rained (the) greater part of the day. We struck tents this morning at Camp near Harpers Ferry at nine o'clock. We started on the march in the direction of Winchester. Passed through the town of Charleston and camped about a mile and a half from town, the place where John Brown was executed. We arrived in Camp about two o'clock. Moved two or three times from one place to another. Camped in the woods. I wrote a letter home last night.

Saturday the 1st of April This was a pleasant day. I am again on duty. Nothing of importance going on today except cleaning up our Quarters. We had Squad Drill this evening. The Colonels tent caught fire today and burned down.

Sunday, April the 2, 1865 This is Sunday evening. I am laying in my tent writing this. Was a pleasant day. I wrote a letter to Lank McMillan today. Nothing going on. Inspection this evening. I am going to sleep with Bill to-night. Ramsey is on guard. Lieutenant Stewart is unwell today and has been for some time. The bugle has sounded for Roll Call and the order is Co. D fall in.

Monday the 3, 1865 This was a fine day. Company drill twice today. Dress parade in the evening. Times are brisk in Camp this evening on account of the News of the Capture of Richmond. I don't know wethers it is so or not but hope it is. We packed up all our overcoats today and are to be sent away. I think this indicates a movement of some kind and the news are (late this) evening that we move in the morning. It looks very much like rain tonight.

Tuesday the 4th Weather pleasant with some little rain. It rained hard last night. We struck tents this morning in Camp near Charlestown at ten o'clock. Passed through the town of Ripley a small place on the Pike from Charlestown leading to Berryville. We arrived at the town of Berryville in the evening about four o'clock. This town is about 12 miles from Charlestown. Marched about 3 miles from town in the Winchester Pike and camped for the night. News again received of the possession of Richmond by our troops. The boys are in good spirits and all for news(?)

Wednesday the 5th This was a pleasant day. We again broke up camp this morning and started on the march. Left camp about 8 o'clock and marched in the direction of Winchester. Our company was train guards until near Winchester. We halted near town. Took a small ration of hard tack and then resumed our march. We marched through the town about 1 o'clock and camped about two miles from town on the ground where Sheridan and Early had a battle. We drew some rations and put up our tents and are now fixing to lay down to sleep and dream of friends and home.

Thursday the 6th Weather cloudy with some rain this morning. I am Sargeant of the guard today. I am _____ on duty setting by a stump and writing. I received a letter from John Wilson last night. I will quit for the present and write some more this evening. I am busy writing a letter to John G. Wilson in answer to one received last night. We had Brigade inspection this evening. Lieutenant Stewart is yet unwell being very bad with the Erysipelas.

Friday the 7th Weather pleasant today. Nothing of importance going on today. Sprowl arrived in Camp from the Hospital today. Brown and McDill arrived yesterday.

Saturday the 8th This was a fine day. We moved our Camp this evening about half a mile on account of our hearing a good place for camp where we were. Austin and Marshall arrived in camp this evening from the hospital in Baltimore, Md. I wrote a letter to Fan(?) Bernarer yesterday.

Sunday the 9th Weather quite pleasant today. Nothing of importance going on in camp. We had general review this morning. I went out on a tramp this evening visiting some of the old camp. Lieutenant Stewart went to the hospital

yesterday. Cap went over to see him this evening. I received a letter from Beck Mann last night.

Monday the 10th Weather disagreeable today. It rained most of the day. Nothing of importance going on. We were in our tents most of the (day) on account of being too wet to be out. Dress Parade this evening. News received this evening of the surrender of Lees army to our men near the Appomatox court house. Times are quite brisk in camp an account of the good news from our armies.

Tuesday the 11th The weather was quite cloudy today. Nothing of importance going on in camp. We were ordered out on inspection this morning. A drunken row occurred in Co. I just as I commenced writing. The fuss is about ended. One man went away under guard.

Wednesday the 12th This was a disagreeable day. We were busy drilling today. It rained part of the day. I have nothing much to write and so I will quit for the night. I missed Drill this evening and so I will have to go on extra duty. I commenced a letter this evening to Wm. Wright.

Thursday the 13th Weather more pleasant today. It rained most all night but cleared off this morning. I was on duty drilling a napsack squad on account of missing drill. I finish(ed) a letter to Wm. Wright. Received two letters this evening. One from home and one from Anna E. Foster. Dilled most all day. Weather cold this evening.

Friday the 14th Weather cloudy. Nothing much going on in camp. Drilling most of the day. As I have nothing much to write I will not write much and so with this I will close for the present.

Saturday the 15th Weather continues cloudy. This day was set apart for wash day and also for inspection in the evening. It rained part of the day and so the inspection was put off. I done some washing this evening. News we rec'd this evening of the death of the President Abraham Lincoln. He was shot and also Secretary Seward. He was killed by some person no one knowing who at the present. It found that Seward was not killed but was severely wounded by being stabbed in the side.

Sunday the 16th 1865 Weather quite cool with high winds. We had inspection today. We drew a extra pairs of shoes yesterday. I commenced a letter this evening to Beck Mann and intend to finish (it) in the morning. News received confirming the shooting of President Friday.

Monday the 17th The weather more pleasant and windy. We went out on target ing but done no shooting. I finished a letter to Beck Mann. Rec'd one from Joe T. Ramsey this evening.

Tuesday the 18th 1865 Weather more pleasant today. I am now on Duty in camp. I am writing while on my Post. We had review this morning. I wrote a letter to Joe Ramsey and sent it this evening. Times are brisk in camp this evening. The boys are all running for the papers.

Wednesday the 19th This was a pleasant day. Nothing going on in camp. I was washing my clothes. There was preaching in camp today. I received a letter from Lank McMillan last night. I wrote a letter to Emma Kyner this evening.

Thursday the 20, 1865 Weather cloudy part of the day. We went out on Review this evening. Came in and struck tents. We were reviewed by Hancock and Brook and staff. We marched near Stevenson's station a distance of about two miles. Pitched tents and are now in camp.

Friday the 21st Weather quite cloudy this morning. We are laying in camp not doing anything. This now being evening. It is quite cloudy and indicates rain the Bugle sounded to strike tents we soon obeyed the order but put them up again it being a false alarm.

Saturday the 22nd I am not very well today on account of a severe headache. This is a fine day but very windy. I am not on duty. I received a letter from Hockersmith last night. I have changed _____ since we last moved. I am in the tent with the cooks. We drew five days rations this evening of every thing but meat and bread. We will live fine until that is done and then starve as we did before.

Sunday the 23, 1865 Weather cloudy and quite cold. We had some rain last night. I am not on duty today on account of not being well. Inspection this evening. I wrote two letters today. One home, the other to Annie E. Foster.

Monday 24 Weather more pleasant today. I am yet off duty on account of having a sore arm, inspection again today. Nothing of any importance going on. The sign this evening indicates a move of some kind and I think we will move from this before long.

Tuesday the 25 The weather was quite warm and pleasant today. We again moved camp. Commenced this morn. Moved about a mile. Camped near the station. I am again fit for duty and was doing a little today. We are now in our new quarters and the boys are talking a game of Ure while I am writing. I will close for this time as the bugle has sounded for lights out.

Wednesday the 26 This was quite a pleasant day. I am on Picket today. I am stationed on the Pike near Stevenson's station.

Thursday the 27, 1865 The weather was pleasant today. I came in off Picket about noon today and was off Duty until Dress parade. I wrote part of a letter today to Andy McQuistin

Friday the 28 Weather pleasant today. No drilling of any account we had officers drill this morning before breakfast and then policed the remainder of the day in our Company Quarters. I finished a letter this morning to Andy McQuiston. Some of our boys returned from the hospital on Wednesday of this week.

Saturday the 29 Weather cloudy with some rain. We finished up our street this morning and had Company drill. Was not doing anything this evening. I wrote a letter to a lady in Ohio. Catharine Johnston, Coshocton Co. Linton Mill.

Sunday 30th 1865 Weather cloudy most of the day. We done some policing this morn and were mustered for pay this evening. Nothing new going on in camp. This is Sunday night. I just came in from roll call and while my comrades are laying by my side sleeping I am writing of the proceedings of this day. I have nothing more to write so I will quit

Monday May the 1st 1865 Weather cloudy part of the day with some rain this morning. Nothing much of importance going on in Camp today. Company drill this morning. No dress parade this evening. Weather clear this evening.

Tuesday the 2 The weather was clear and pleasant today. We had Brigade drill this evening. Company drill this morning. I am now about to lay down to sleep. All quiet in camp this evening. I have no news to write. The bugle is about to sound for lights out and I will quit. I rec'd a letter from John Wilson. This evening, Graham ~~xxx~~ one from Frank Warder(?).

Wednesday the 3rd The weather was warm and pleasant today. We had review today. We were reviewed by General Tolbert and staff. I received three letters this evening. One from J. T. Ramsey, one from home and one from A. E. Foster

Thursday the 4th Weather continues warm and pleasant. Drilling going on most of the day. We had inspection of quarters this evening. Lieut. Stewart arrived in camp this evening from the hospital. I wrote a letter to Joe T. Ramsey late this evening.

Friday May the 5th The weather was quite warm and pleasant today. I am now on Picket duty on the Pike near Stevenson's Station and the sun is awful hot. I finished a letter this morning to Father. I was relieved from Picket this morning. The boys all hollered last night and had to stand on the color line one half hour. Inspection in camp today.

Thursday the 6th Weather continues warm and pleasant. We had inspection again today. I received a letter from Beck Inann this evening. Nothing new going on in camp. Time are dry and it rained hard last night.

Friday the 7th This was a warm and pleasant day. We had inspection this morn. I was out at Preaching this evening. I wrote a letter to Annie E. Foster this evening.

Saturday the 8th, 1865 Weather changeable today. It rained part of this day. We had Squad Drill this morning and Skirmish Drill in the evening. No dress parade on account of rain.

Sunday, the 9th This is Tuesday morning and it is raining at this time. I finished a letter this morning to Beck Inann. I will quit writing this morning and I will write some more this evening. Times are dull in camp.

Wednesday the 10th 1865 The weather is quite cloudy this morning. It rained nearly all day yesterday and rained a greater part of today. Nothing much going on in Camp today except Drilling whenever we get time between showers.

Thursday the 11th I am in my tent this evening and it is now raining and hailing. Our tent came nearly down. I wrote a letter home this morning to Brother Thomas. It rained nearly all last night. I was not out on drill today. I did not feel very well and I concluded I would not do anything and so I lay in my tent.

Friday the 12th The weather was more pleasant today. It was quite cold this morn. I am on light duty today and so I have no drilling to do. The weather continues pleasant this evening. S Squad drilling most of the day.

Saturday the 13th I seat myself in my tent this evening all alone. This was a pleasant day. The sun was very warm. I was not on duty today. There was not any drilling going on today. This was a wash day. I was down at the Christian Commission today and got some papers. I was looking for a letter this evening but I got none and so I was disappointed.

Sunday the 14th, 1865 The weather was quite warm and pleasant with some little rain this evening. Only enough to hinder dress parade. I wrote a letter to Samuel Farley. This is the first letter I wrote to him and I think it is a shame.

Monday the 15th Weather continues warm and pleasant. I am off duty at this (time) on account of not being very well. Our Brigade was out on review this evening. I received three letters this evening. One from Father, one from Thomas and one from Harve Douglass.

Tuesday the 16th 1865 The weather was quite warm today. I am on Duty today on Camp guard. Nothing of any account going on in camp.

Wednesday the 17th Weather continues warm and pleasant. I came off guard this morning. The boys are all busy drilling. I don't intend doing anything the balance of the day.

Thursday the 18th This was a pleasant day. I am not on duty today on account of having a bad cold and so I concluded it would be more comfortable in my tent.

Friday the 19th, 1865 The weather was quite pleasant most of the day until near night. It then commenced raining. I made a mistake in writing this. I meant this part of this writing to correspond for yesterday. It commenced raining late in the evening. The men were all out on Parade and all got wet. It rained a greater part of the day and looks quite cloudy to-night. I received a letter from Joe Ramsey this evening. Stewart, Graham and I went out through the pickets on Sunday night. I wrote a letter to John Hockersmith.

Saturday the 20th The weather continues very disagreeable. It rained very nearly all day and it is still raining yet. We just fixed our bed down and are preparing to put up for the night. I wrote a letter to Joe Ramsey this morning. I received news this evening of the death of H.H. McMillan which occurred one week ago from today. There was not anything going on in camp today. This day was ordered for wash day but I think it was a very poor day for such work.

Sunday, the 21 The weather continues wet. It rained very near/ all day. It came near flooding us over. There was nothing much going on in camp today on account of it being too wet. It is now after roll call and it is raining about as hard as it often does. I was over at the 192nd Regt. this evening. They have marching orders to leave in the morning. The wind has blown my candle out and I just got it lit again. The bugle has sounded for lights out so I will have to close for the night.

Monday the 22, 1865 The sun rose beautiful this morning. It is now noon and it is quite warm and pleasant. The 192nd Regiment was all ready for a move but owing to some cause which I do not profess to know, the time for their departure from here was just _____ Capt. Spring started to Washington City this morning. The grand review is to commence there tomorrow. Lieutenant Streart is now away from his command on duty at Head Quarters acting Judge Advocate on Court Martial.

Tuesday the 23, 1865 The weather was beautiful today. Nothing new only plenty of drilling going on. The one hundred and ninety second regiment started up the valley this morning. Supposed to be going up near Staunton to preserve order while the election comes off. I received a letter from home yesterday and wrote part of one to Harve Douglass today. John went to Winchester on Sunday last to do writing concerning the court martial that is convening there at this time. We received no mail for a day or two on account of the railroad being out of repair.

Wednesday the 24 I am now alone in my tent while the boys are all out watching for the mail. I think I will get a letter this evening. If not I will be disappointed. This was a warm and pleasant day. Company drill this morning and Battalion drill this evening. I finished a letter to Harve Douglass this morning. I received two letters this evening. One from Annie Foster and one from Thomas. Nothing new in camp. Only rumors that we will be sent home soon.

Thursday the 25th, 1865 The weather continues pleasant. The sun was quite warm today. I am not doing anything of any () account today the company has been drilling most of the day. Battalion drill this evening. There is nothing new going on in camp at this time. Company drill this morning. I think Co. D is getting worse every time they come out to drill. The boys all think of getting home soon and they don't care whether they drill or not. I wrote a letter to Annie E. Foster today in answer to one received from her yesterday. I like to be prompt in answering letters from her.

Friday the 26th This was a very disagreeable day. It commenced raining last night and has been raining most all day and is raining yet this evening. No drilling going on today. I was in my tent most of the day on account of it being so wet. Capt. Spring arrived in Camp this evening from the City of Washington.

Saturday the 27th The weather was more pleasant today. Nothing of any importance going on in camp. This was wash day. I received a letter from Beck Inann last night.

Sunday the 28th, 1865 I have just come in from roll call and I will now try and write the proceedings of the day. The weather was quite pleasant but cloudy today. Inspection today in Camp. Nothing new going on in Camp at this time. The two hundred and fourteenth regt., Pennsylvania Volunteers marched past our camp this morning on their way to Winchester, Virginia. I have nothing more to write at this time and so I will close for the present. The weather continues cloudy this evening and looks like rain.

Monday, the 29th 1865 The weather was quite pleasant today. I am now on camp guard. I am sitting under a shady grove with the relief guard. The non commissioned officers are now on drill. Nothing new going on in camp at this time. Only rumors of us going home soon.

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Tuesday the 30th I am now alone in my tent ~~this~~. The sun is awful warm and I have just been taking a small knap. I came off guard this morning and have been doing nothing since and I don't think I will this evening.

Wednesday the 31st, 1865 The weather remains pleasant and warm. I wrote two letters today. One to Beck Inann and one to John Wilson. Times in camp are dull at this time. Nothing new going on. Only drill most of the time. Battalion drill in the evening.

Thursday the first of June The weather was very warm today. This was Thanksgiving day. No drilling going on. Preaching this evening. Captain Pane of Co. K., Capt. of Co. B. and Capt. Co. G and Lieut Co. H and Co. G were put under arrest this evening for getting drunk and raising a fuss. I took a ramble through this country today.

Friday June the 2nd The weather continues warm and pleasant. I was out on Drill this evening. This being the first I have done for some time. We received no mail this evening on account of it being left at the station below camp through mistake.

Saturday the 3rd Weather pleasant today. No drilling going on in camp. I am in Sprowls tent tonight. I intend staying with him all night on account of him being sick and Bill is out on Picket. This was wash day. I was out to wash a short. (King?) Irvin went home yesterday.

Sunday the 4th, 1865 This was a very warm day. There was nothing much going on in camp today. We had inspection this evening at five o'clock. The boys in our squad were all in a bad humor last night on account of getting no letters.

Monday the 5th The weather continues very warm. We were drilling most of the day. We had inspection this evening of arms and equipment. It looks very much like rain this evening and I think it will rain some tonight.

Tuesday the 6th, 1865 The weather has been quite cloudy today and more pleasant. I have not been very well today on account of having a severe tooth ache. I got one pulled yesterday and one today. _____ (name) is out on Picket today. Ramsey wrote a letter to Carrie McMillan.

Wednesday the 7th The weather was very warm today. It is now noon and it is awful hot. We had company and squad drill this morning. Great excitement this morning. Monsier and La. Tillitson arrested on the Color line and punished accordingly. I write a letter to Brother Thomas last (). Sprowls is able to ~~be~~ run around.

Thursday the 8th, 1865 The weather still continues warm. Times in camp are dull at this time. Nothing going on only plenty of drill. Co. and Squad drill this morn. and squad drill this evening. I wrote a letter last night to Ellie Atkinson of Birds _____, Guernsey Co., Ohio. We had an election in our Rgt. this evening for the purpose of electing delegates for Representatives of the State of Ohio. I received a letter from Jos. Ramsey this evening. Lieut. Jolly, 1st Lieut Co. H and Lieut Col. Griscoll were elected as the delegates from the 191st Reg. O.V.I. Stevenson Station.

Friday the 9th, 1865 Weather warm and pleasant. Drilling going on today. Squad drill this morning and company drill in the evening. The Colonel commanded our company awhile on drill.

Saturday the 10th Weather cloudy this morning and looks like rain. I am detailed for picket guard today. I am now on my post and it is thundering hard and has rained some little. I am on the relief with 1st Lieut. Co. A. on the road from Stevensons Station to the White Sulphur Springs. General Tolbert is moving his headquarters out to the Springs.

Sunday the 11th, 1865 The weather is quite cool and pleasant this morning. I am now on my post. I have just finished my breakfast and I am now prepared for the further duties of the day. I wrote part of a letter to Ria & Gilmore yesterday. I intend to finish it today. J. Berry came back yesterday.

Monday the 12th, 1865 Weather cloudy and more pleasant. I came off Picket this morning. I went on inspection yesterday evening. Drilling going on most of today. Lieut. Stewart was relieved from his command yesterday at noon for appearing on the Color line for roll without his equipment on.

Tuesday the 13th, 1865 This is a very warm morning. It is dripping a little rain. We have had no drill this morning. We had company drill this evening. Our Col. had four men arrested this evening belonging to the first Rhode Island Regt. for riding through camp. They are now under guard. Each man carrying on some piece of wood on their _____. They are all to be tied up tonight. I think this is a mean trick and no man of good sense would order such a sentence. Lieut Lininger of Co. A. was put under arrest today. Capt. Weymen and Lieut. Wright of Co. B start for home today. This leaves the company without a Com. officer.

Wednesday the 14th, 1865 The weather was quite pleasant this morning but it clouded up and is raining now. We had no drill this morning and I don't think there will be any this evening. Times are dull in camp at this time. The boys are anxious to get home and are looking for the time to come when we shall start. We had dress parade this evening. Orders rec'd which created considerable excitement among the men. B. F. Graham received a letter last night from Carrie Brown. I think writing to me is about played out but it don't make any difference to me.

Thursday the 15th, 1865 Weather continues pleasant. Nothing new going on in camp. No drilling going on today of any account. Only company drill this evening. I received a letter from Bill Wright this evening. This being the first letter from him for more than two months. He sent me a photograph of mine but the letter was opened and the picture taken out. This is not the first time our mail has been opened. The mail boy of the 196th was caught opening the mail this evening and was tied up. Lank McRearie was buried yesterday.

Friday the 16th, 1865 This was a pleasant day. I am on Picket today. Stationed on the road from the Springs to the station. The sun is now awful hot and it has commenced to cloud up and look somewhat like rain. Drilling going on in camp. Battalion drill this evening. Sargent Laird was put under arrest this morning by the Colonel for not having his guards in good trim. Lieut. Irvin of Co. I was sent to his quarters of drill this evening.

Saturday the 17th, 1865 This was a very warm day. I came off Picket this morning. Was relieved by Lieut Snoot(?). I am in command of the company on account of having no other commander, but as I am not well, Sargt. Rarick takes command of the Co. I received a letter from Beck Mann this evening it is now near roll call and Sgt. Laird is relieved and again resumes position as Orderly.

Sunday the 18th The weather continues warm. I am on the sick list on account of having a severe pain in my head. I was in my quarters most all day. Inspection of Arms and Accoutrements this evening.

Monday, the 19th This was a very disagreeable day. It was cloudy and foggy this morning and commenced to rain in the evening and rained all evening and thundered and lightened very heavy. It struck a tree where two of the Indiana boys were under on picket. It killed one of them and stunned the other. They were both carried into camp. We received orders last night to move camp. We commenced this morning and moved about a mile into a field of grass.

Tuesday the 20th, 1865 The weather continues very disagreeable. It rained very near all day. We are all in our new quarters but we have to move them all on account of them being an inch or two out of the way.

Wednesday, the 21st The weather was more pleasant today. We moved our quarters this morning. Nothing much going on in camp. Commenced to do some ditching this evening. Some of the boys are talking of joining the regulars.

Thursday, the 22nd 1865 This was a warm and a pleasant day. I am not on duty. I was in my tent most of the day. The Company is out on Drill this evening. I wrote a letter to Beck Mann this evening. Nothing new in Camp. Policing going on part of the day.

Friday the 23rd This was a very warm day. Nothing much going on in camp. Some little drilling this morning and evening. I received a letter from Samuel Barley last night and one from Miss Ella Atkinson this evening.

Saturday the 24th 1865. The weather continues warm. Nothing going on in Camp today. This was wash day. I got a pass this morning for Marion Radcliff to go to town to get some medicine for me.

Sunday the 25th This was a pleasant day. Company inspection this evening. I wrote a letter to Ellie Atkinson today. This is now Sunday night. The boys are all busy cooking rations. We have order to leave in the morning and are to be up at two o'clock at which time the Pickets will be in. I don't know where we will go.

Monday the 26th, 1865 The weather was very disagreeable today. It rained most all night and a greater part of today. We are yet in our Old Quarters. We did not move. I suppose on account of the rain. Nothing new in Camp. Inspection ordered this evening but failed on account of the rain. Lieut. Steart received an Order from Col. Griscoll this evening placing him under arrest. We received orders late this evening to move in the morning. The weather looks quite pleasant this evening. Dress parade this evening but I did not attend.

Tuesday, the 27th, 1865 This was a pleasant day. We broke up camp this morning near Steveson's Station at seven o'clock. We marched about four miles and camped near the Berryville Pike. We marched near the Sulphur Springs. The whole division moved. This leaves the valley destitute of troops as there was no one to relieve us. We have our tents now up and feel like being at home. I don't think we will stay here very long.

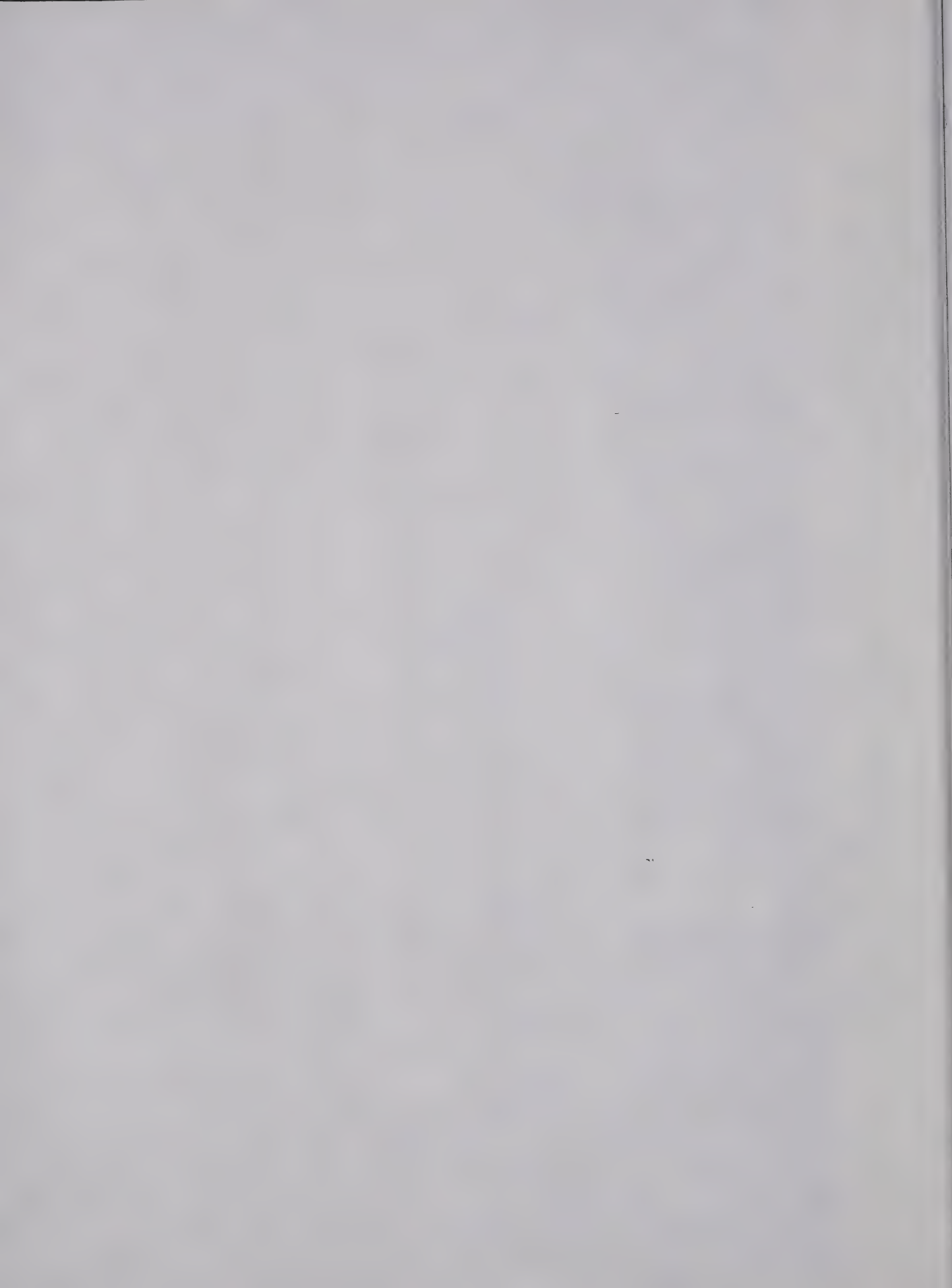
Wednesday the 28th 1865 The weather continues pleasant. We are yet in our New Camp. We are camped in the woods near the Pacan Creek. The boys are all busy policing our company quarters. No drilling going on. Dress Parade in the evening. I got George Smith to cut my hair today. I was down at the creek and done some washing. Lieut. Stewart received an Order from Lieut Snoot this evening informing him not to quarter with the men. He said it was by Order of Col. Griscoll. I don't think this order will be obeyed.

Thursday the 29th I am not in my quarters. This has been a pleasant day but it is raining a little at present though I don't think it will be much. Nothing of any importance going on in camp today. Only cleaning up the quarters. I received a letter from brother Thomas this evening.

Friday the 30th 1865. The weather was not very pleasant today. It commenced raining this morning and rained most of the day. We were mustered for pay today. I received two letters this evening. One from A. McQuiston and one from J. Wilson. Ramsey received a letter from Carrie McMullen.

Saturday, July the 1st This was a pleasant day until near night about three o'clock, then commenced raining and rained very hard until near night. Nothing going on in Camp. This was wash day. I wrote two letters today. One to brother Thomas and one to John Wilson. Claud Sturtz received a letter from Hann Bernard this evening. I saw and read the letter. He answered her letter today. I am in my tent late this evening. The bugle has now sounded for roll call and I will have to close for the present.

Sunday the 2nd, 1865 The weather quite pleasant today. Nothing new going on in camp. Dress parade in the evening. An order read on Parade this evening in regard to a man from Co. E. for neglect of duty causing his relief to stand eight hours. He was a private acting as Corp. His punishment is to carry a rail 16 hours only allowing him time to eat. P. Wason was taken to the hospital on Friday. Company inspection this morning.



Monday the 3rd, 1865 The weather continues pleasant. We are not doing much in camp. Company drill this morning and Battalion Drill this evening. I received a letter this evening from J. T. Ramsey.

Tuesday the 4th, 1865 This is the fourth day of July. The sun rose warm and beautiful and continues to remain so. It is now near ten o'clock. Some of captains of the companies are taking their men to the Sutters and are beating them to the ale. Co. F have just marched up and Co. I have been there. I will close for the present and write some more this evening. It is now night. I am in my tent having just returned from the Picket lines after taking some letters to Graham. One from Sallie McQuiston and one from home. This has been a quite a heavy time in Camp today. Each company received a portion of whiskey and some of the boys got on a high horse and had quite a time. There was a sad affair happened this morning near camp. One of the men belonging to Co. C. of our Regt. who has been insane for some time went out of his tent early this morning with his gun and placing it near his breast. Pulled it off with his toe killing him instantly. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss. His name was Thompson. I received a letter this evening from Harve Douglass. Our Brigade was all out today at which time the Declaration of independence was read.

Wednesday the 5th, 1865 This was a pleasant day. Co. Drill this morning and Battalion drill in the evening. Nothing new going on today while I am writing. Lieut Stewart and Ramsey are sitting by my side. Stewart his feeling Ramsey's head and telling him his fortune

Thursday the 6th, 1865 While I am writing under the shade of a tree close to my tent some of the boys are taking a game of Ucre. This has been a pleasant day. We were busy fixing up our tent today. Colonel R. S. Kimberly came back last night.

Friday the 7th, 1865 The weather continues pleasant. Co. drill this morning and also in the evening. I don't do any drilling this times. No news in Camp today. Berry was here today from Winchester.

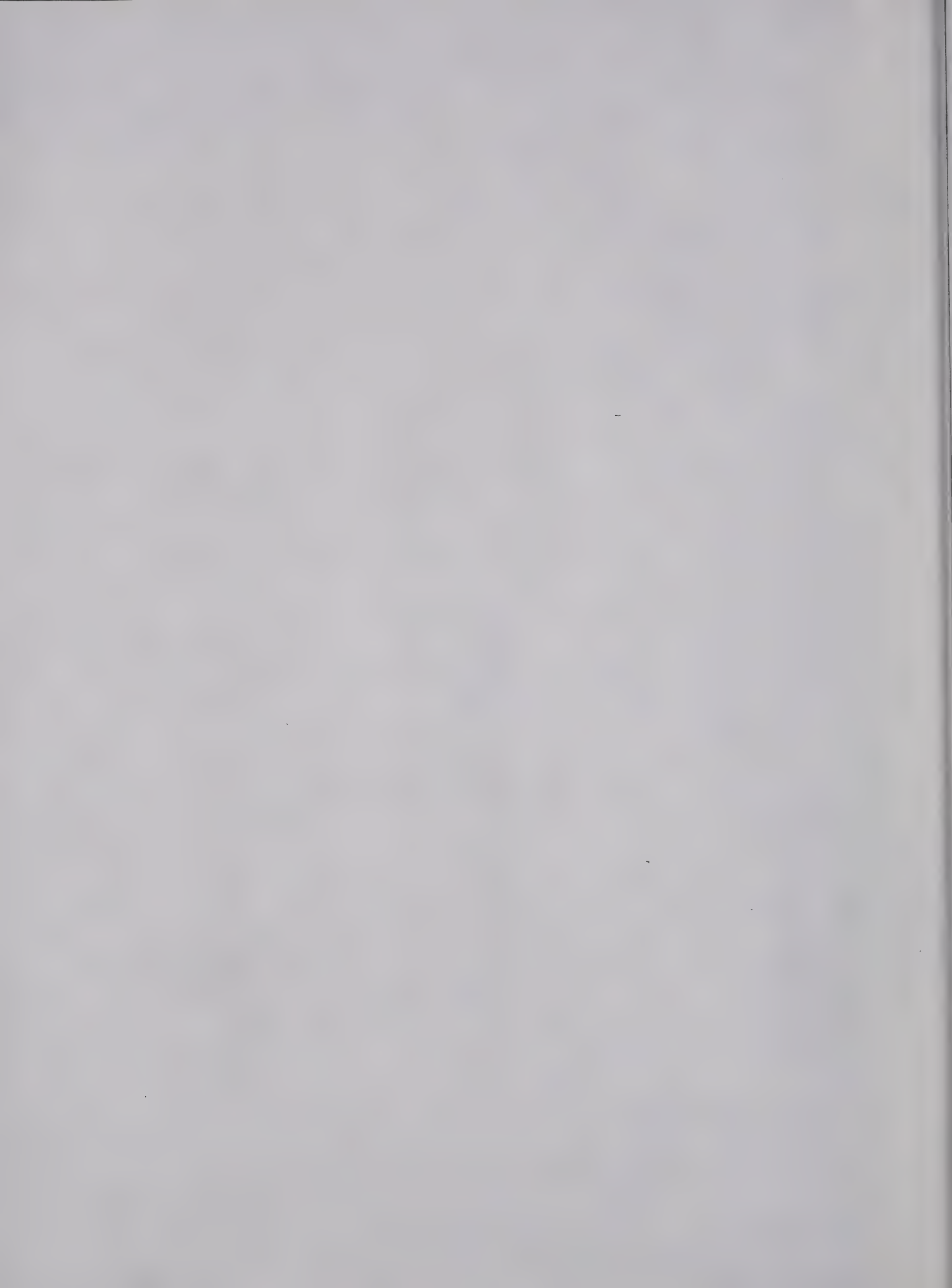
Saturday the 8th 1865 The weather has been quite pleasant today. I have just finished my dinner and it is now thundering hard and looks very much like rain. It is now night. I am in my tent. It rained most of the evening and is blowing awful hard at present. Lieut Stewart is now allowed the privileges of the Camp.

Sunday the 9th I am now in my tent. I am writing by Candlelight. We have just finished our supper. Answered roll call and am now preparing to go to rest. Weather has not been very pleasant. It rained part of the day. We had inspection this evening. Great excitement this evening. The Cooks had to go on inspection and ~~there~~ this throwed up their cooking but they have commenced again and things are moving along fine.

Monday the 10th, 1865 I am detailed to go on Picket today. The weather has been quite cloudy this morn. I must fix for Picket and write some more when I get on my post. This is Tuesday morning. I will have to write some on account of not getting any wrote yesterday. It rained very near all day while I was on picket.

Tuesday the 11th I have just come in off Picket and it is raining at present and looks as though it may continue in my tent this evening. This has been a very disagreeable day. It rained most of the day. Sergt. Kohler left for home Sunday evening on a furlough for twenty days. Lieut Stewart received his uniform today. Nothing new going on in Camp. I received a letter this evening from Beck Mann.

Wednesday the 12th The weather was more pleasant today with some rain. Co. Drill this morning and also in the evening. Lieut Dogett's trial has come off. His sentence was read on Dress Parade. He was dismissed from the Service. The charges against him was drunkenness. Colonel R. S. Kimberly ordered him out to hear his setence and as soon as he appeared on the Parade ground, Lieut. Col. Discol ordered two files of men to arrest him. The files were from the left of Co. B. They marched him to his quarters. It is said Kimberly has ordered Driscoll under arrest.



Thursday the 13th 1865 This has been a pleasant day. I am now writing in the tent with Graham, McGill and Brown. I just finished dividing our bread. We just drew two days rations. Graham has eat part of his and has laid down to sleep. Lieut Stewarts trial was to come off today but owing to some cause it was postponed. Co. Drill this morning and also this evening. Dress Parade this evening. Lieut Huffman acted adjutant on Parade. Lieut Dogett started for hime this morning. I think it was a false report about Driscoll being under arrest as he is in command of the Regiment at present. B. Graham received a letter from home this evening in which we received the new fresh from the town of M. Sun. The young folks from town were all at Oxford on the fourth. Owens had Sally _____ Anesy(?) had Anna, Appleby had Fanny and from all accounts they had a fine time. Came around by the four mile house. It is reported that Ann Mann is to be married soon. I wrote a letter to Andrew McQuiston today. I received two letters from home this evening. One from Father and one from Brother Thomas.

Friday the 14th, 1865 ~~Friday the 14th, 1865~~ The weather continues pleasant. Nothing new going on in Camp. Co. Drill this morning and Battalion Drill this evening. A star was seen today about noon which caused considerable excitement. I received a letter this evening from Ellie Atkinson. I wrote one to Father today in answer to the one received yesterday. The non-commissioned officers all drew swords on Wednesday of this week. I don't know what they are for unless it is to put on more style. The weather was quite cold this morning.

Saturday the 15th This was a pleasant day. Nothing new going on in camp. Non commissioned officers drill at one o'clock. Drilled by the colonel. The Battalion drill in the (evening) was postponed on account of this being a wash day.

Sunday the 16th Weather continues pleasant with some little rain. Inspection this evening at 5 o'clock by Col. Discoll. No objections to our Company only that some of the boys had not the letters of their company on their caps and I was one of them.

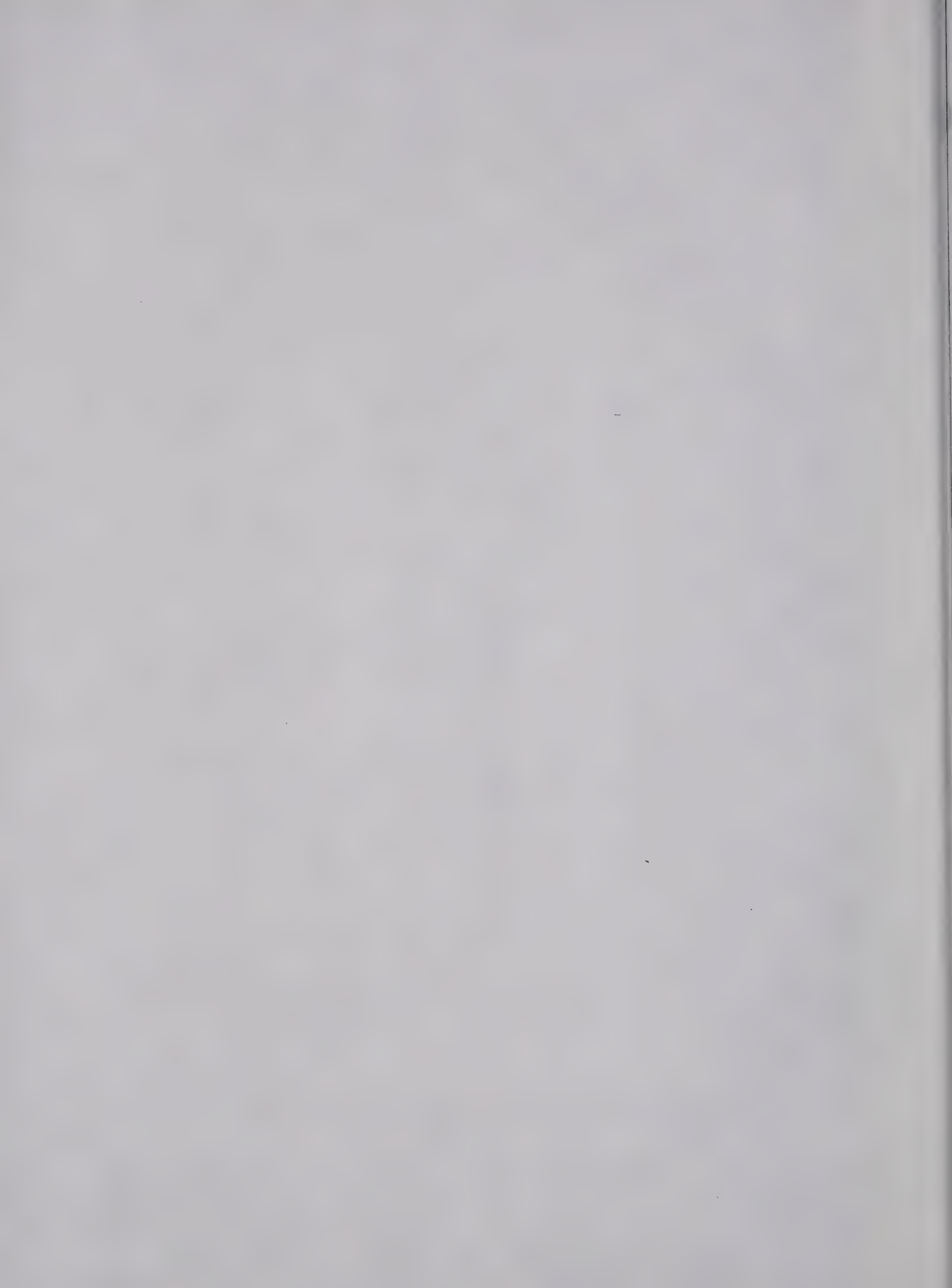
Monday the 17th, 1865 The weather was quite cool and pleasant today. It rained most all last night but cleared off this morning. I just came in off Drill. Non-commissioned officers drill. We had squad drill this morning. I was not out. I had to tend to mounting the guards. I wrote a letter yesterday to Ellie Atkinson. The Col. ordered Lieut Stewart not to wear his citizens coat any more. Battalion drill this evening and dress parade as usual.

Tuesday the 18th 1865 Weather clear and pleasant. Nothing new in camp. Co. drill this morning. Was not out on account of having to mount the guards. Two men from Co. K was tied up today, one for cursing the orderly and one for calling the lieutenant a nigger. I received a letter from Ria Gilman this evening.

Wednesday the 19th Squad drill this morning. I tended to guard mounting. The weather was pleasant today. No drill in the evening. The men have to wash up for inspection tomorrow. I wrote a letter to R. Gilman.

Thursday the 20, 1865 The weather continues pleasant. Our division was all out on Drill. I meant Review. We were reviewed by Gen. Sickles. We got in near noon. The inspection was postponed on some account which I cannot tell. Non commish drill in the evening and dress parade as usual. I received two letters this evening. One from John Wilson and one from Wm. Wright containing some photographs. Graham and I wrote a letter to J. R.H. Bernard. The Col. wanted Streart to go out with his company but he said he could not see it.

Friday the 21, 1865 This was a very warm day. Squad drill this morning. I mounted guard this morn and was sent to my quarters with a Corporal on account of him not having his stripes on. He changed blouses and I marched him back again. The non-commissioned officers now all called out on the order line to go through some maneuvers in the shape of Stationing guards. The Col. acted as Corpl and stationed the corp's around through the woods



but before he got through with his arrangements. He got sick and had to close the performance what he was going to do with no Sergeants. I cannot tell but I suppose the movement will be tried over again and then I will know more about it. I have just been out to roll call and I am now in my tent. We are now allowed to answer to roll call without our traps on. The 195th Regt. left this morn. They went to Winchester. It is supposed we will leave here soon but I cannot tell for I do not know

Saturday, the 22, 1865 The weather has been quite warm, Most of the day. 4 o'clock p.m. but it has now clouded over and is quite pleasant. I am on picket today along the Opaquan River, as it is called but I don't think it is much of a river. While I am writing, a part of the 22nd N.York Cavalry are coming down the Pike on their way to Winchester from Harpers Ferry. Nothing new going on in Camp. This is wash day. Squad drill this morning.

Sunday the 23rd, 1865. This has been a very warm day. I came in off Picket this morning about 10 o'clock. This is the last Picket we are going to have. The lines are now open. We had company inspection this evening at five o'clock. I am now in my tent. It is just candlelight. We had Dress Parade as usual. I wrote a letter today to Brother Thomas. Orders read on Parade that there was no more Picketing to be done. Some of Co. G had to go on the beat a few minutes ago, for not going on Dress Parade

Monday the 24th, 1865 I am again ~~in~~ in my tent. I have just come in off Dress Parade. It is now near roll call so I will try and write a short sketch. This was a very warm day. Squad drill this morning and General inspection at ten o'clock. Also company drill this evening. I wrote a letter to Harve Douglas this evening. No news in camp. Some talk of Sgt. Lairs's promotion to first Lieut. I slept with Lieut Stewart last night.

Tuesday, the 25th, 1865 This has been a very warm day. It is now 1 o'clock and the sun is awfully warm. We had Company drill this morning. I tended to mounting the guard this morning. Times are drill in Camp. Nothing new going on. I met one of my old companions this morning on the bank of the Opaquan Creek. It was Samuel Bittinger of Greenvillage Pa. who left there some twelve years ago. He now belongs to Co. I of the 159th Indiana Regt. I did not know him nor he did not know him. I asked him where he was from and in that way I found out who he was. So we both sat down together and I told him all I knew in regard to matters at home. We had quite a fine time. We both seemed to enjoy each other's company. We had Co. Drill this evening. Part of a Signal Corps came here this evening and were practicing with another party near Winchester, a distance of some four miles. I received a letter from J. T. Ramsey this evening.

Wednesday the 26th, 1865 I have just returned from the 154th Indiana. I was over to see Samuel Bittinger. We had quite a fine chat together. Eleven o'clock a.m. The wind is high this morn and is quite pleasant. I will close for this time and write some more this evening in my tent. This evening I have just lit my candle and I am now alone. We had Co. Drill this evening but I did not attend. I had a severe head ache. Sergt Parick had command of the Co. The bugle has just sounded officers call. I do not know what it was for but will find out in due time. We had quite a time yesterday at noon. We drew some condensed vegetable and had some for dinner but the boys could not go it. They put some to soak and I helped to throw it out so that put an end to the vegetables. Well I have now heard the news. We have orders to leave for the station at four o'clock in the morning so I will have to close for the present as the boys are going to pack up tonight. I wrote a letter to Jos. Ramsey this evening. Benj. F. Graham received a letter last night from Carrie Brown. Lieut Stewart's trial commenced today.

Thursday, the 27th This has been a very warm day. It rained some this morning. We ~~had~~ broke up camp this morning near Jordan Springs. Left camp at four o'clock and marched back to Stevenson's station. We relieved the 196th Rgt. We went into the same tents that they left. 4 o'clock p.m. I am now in my



quarters. The train has just started with the 19th en route for Baltimore. That leaves us all alone for the first time since we came out. We are all looking forward to the time when we shall light out from here. Lieut. Stewart is absent now tending his trial. Sargent Rarick is now Orderly on account of Sargt. Laird being promoted. This is some of Lieut Snoots doings. I should have had that promotion but as Rarick was one of Snoots men he gave him the chance. I know it won't make any difference to me for I don't want the position.

Friday the 28th, 1865 The weather continues warm. I was on a court martial today at Genl. Brooks headquarters. I was suppeonied by Lieut Stewart as a witness for him. There was six from our company on the trial and one from Co. I. We marched from the station this morning. Gave in our testimony. We got through about 4 o'clock and then went back to the station. Procured something from the Christian commission of which we made a fine supper. We then started for the Reg. which was at Winchester. We did not go far when we all proposed to put up for the night so we halted and laid down to rest, but did not rest very much on account of the mosquitoes which were neither few nor small. Our Regiment broke up camp at the Station this evening and went to Winchester.

Saturday the 29th The weather was quite warm today. As I woke up this morning I ~~then~~ found myself just where I laid down last night. All safe and sound. After procuring a small portion of bread and meat, we started for the Regiment. We arrived at the town of Winchester in due time. After resting for a short time we went and joined the Regiment which is now laying near town. I am now in my tent. I have just come in from roll call. The boys had quite a time in camp this morning. The colonel ordered some of our boys to carry a stone on their shoulders but they did not carry them long until the company fell out and took the stones off the boys and sent them to their quarters. I think that kind of punishment is about played out.

Sunday the 30th, 1865 Twelve o'clock a.m. I am in my quarters. The sun is very warm. We have our quarters up and are trying to content ourselves as best we can. We are camped near the town. Nothing new doing on in camp. Co. A, B and G left yesterday. B & G went to the Station and A went to Genl Brooks' headquarters to do guard duty. There is some talk of sending some more of our company away. I think we will all leave here soon. While I was writing last night some of the boys were busy stoning the Colonel's tent. I think some of the boys will go for him if he don't mend his ways and that very soon.

Sargeant Kohler arrived in camp last night, he being home on a furlough. We have orders to clean up this evening. I suppose for inspection but cannot tell for we never know what we are going to do until it is the last minute. Six o'clock p.m. In my tent this evening we have not been doing anything today. The most of our Regt. is now on a detail. 28 men, 3 corporals and one Sgt. from our Company. They went to town to do Provost Duty. I just finished a letter to Wm. Wright. I have now come to the last page in this book. I commenced on the first page on the sixth day of February and I will close this on the 30th day of July. Since I first wrote in this a great many changes have been made and I am yet in the army. Seated this evening on my knapsack while my thoughts roll far and wide to a place that I desire more than this and that is Home.

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